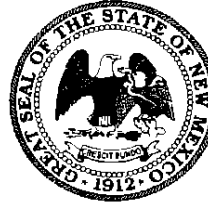


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September 17, 2002

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

**Re: State Commission Certification for Universal Service Funds
CC Docket No. 96-45**

In accordance with the Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 adopted on May 10, 2001 and released on May 23, 2001, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission certifies as follows:

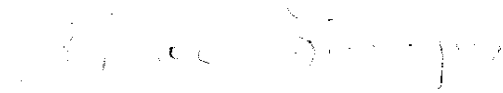
- (1) That the carriers listed on the attached page are eligible telecommunications carriers in New Mexico for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost support for rural service areas for 2003, and
- (2) That federal Universal Service Funds, to the best of our knowledge and as self-certified by the listed carriers below, are being used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended" as outlined in 47 USC § 254(e).

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If additional information is required, please contact Ms. Susan Oberlander, Ph.D., at the offices of this Commission's Telecommunications Bureau, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, telephone (505) 827-6940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Susan Oberlander".

Chairwoman

cc - Ms. Irene Flannery
Universal Service Administrative Company
2120 I Street, N.W. Suite 600
Washington D.C. 20037

NEW MEXICO ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS
FOR RURAL SERVICE AREAS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>STUDY AREA CODE</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Baca Valley Telephone | 492259 |
| CenturyTel of New Mexico | 492274 |
| Copper Valley Telephone Co-op | 453333 |
| Dell Telephone Co-op | 492066 |
| ENMR Telephone Co-op | 492262 |
| La Jicarita Rural Telephone Co-op | 492263 |
| Leaco Rural Telephone Co-op | 492264 |
| MATI | 491231 |
| Navajo Communications | 494449 |
| Penasco Valley Telephone Co-op | 492270 |
| Roosevelt Count Rural Telephone | 492272 |
| Tularosa Basin Telephone | 492265 |
| Valley Telephone | 492176 |
| Valor New Mexico | 491164 |
| Valor New Mexico | 491193 |
| Western New Mexico Telephone | 492268 |
| Leaco CLEC | 499002 |
| Smith Bagley | 499001 |
| Western Wireless | None assigned as yet |

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION

**APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION OF NEW MEXICO ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS TO THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission”) recognizes that the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, at § 254(e), together with certain Orders of the the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), namely, the Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 adopted on May 10, 2001 and released on May 23, 2001 (“the FCC’s Report and Order”) require state commissions to certify, on or before October 1 of each year, that the eligible telecommunications carriers (“ETCs”) within their respective jurisdictions are applying federal Universal Service Funds in the manner in which such funds are intended to be used.

WHEREAS, the Commission has designated as ETCs certain New Mexico telecommunications companies.

WHEREAS, the Commission, through its General Counsel and Staff, has reviewed the self-certification affidavits filed by all of the New Mexico telecommunications companies it has designated as ETCs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION that, in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, the Commission approves the certification of New Mexico eligible telecommunication carriers to the Federal Communications Commission, in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order, as set forth herein and in the Commission's letter to the FCC dated September 17, 2002, including the attachment thereto.

Issued under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 17th day of September 2002.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION


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